

## **REMARKS**

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for the time and courtesy that he extended during the telephonic interviews that took place on July 15, 2010, and August 9, 2010. This paper is submitted in order to constitute a proper recordation of those two interviews in accordance with MPEP § 713.04, and also to amend the claims in the manner agreed upon by the Examiner and the Applicants' undersigned representative.

During the Examiner-initiated interview of July 15, 2010, the Examiner and the Applicants' undersigned representative discussed and reached agreement upon various claim amendments that placed the instant application in condition for allowance.<sup>1</sup> Later that day, at the Examiner's request, the undersigned e-mailed to the Examiner a copy of the pending claims, marked-up in red-line to reflect the claim amendments agreed upon during the interview so that they could be entered by way of an Examiner's Amendment. The claim amendments appearing in this paper are an exact replica of those e-mailed to the Examiner.

A Notice of Allowance was then mailed from the Patent Office, together with an Examiner's Amendment, on July 27, 2010. During the interview of August 9, 2010, the Applicants' undersigned representative identified several inconsistencies between the agreed-upon claim amendments e-mailed to the Examiner on July 15, 2010 and those that appear in the Examiner's Amendment. The undersigned notes, with appreciation, that the Examiner suggested correcting the inconsistencies by filing this Amendment After Allowance. In particular, for the purposes of clarity, the Examiner requested that the claims in this paper and the amendments thereto be an exact replica of those previously agreed upon and e-mailed to the Examiner on July 15, 2010. In other words, the Examiner requested that the claim amendments appearing in this paper represent all the agreed-upon changes (i.e., additions and deletions) made to the claims relative to the immediately prior version of the claims submitted by the Applicants in their Amendment and Response to Office Action filed on March 16, 2010.

Accordingly, in light of the agreements detailed above and in order to correct the inconsistencies in the Examiner's Amendment of July 27, 2010, the Applicants respectfully request that the Primary Examiner recommend entry of this Amendment After Allowance without withdrawing the application from issue and that the Director approve the entry thereof.

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., the Interview Summary included with the Notice of Allowance mailed on July 27, 2010.

The undersigned may be contacted by telephone at the number identified below to discuss any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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